

partner amounting to 12 or \$15,000 for which sum my partner has been sued for in the courts of Detroit since the peace, which judgment is now against us, and I think it but just that we should try and recover as much of the losses as possible. I therefore wish to go on to the city to be there by the next session of Congress, to lay my claims before that honorable body and if possible obtain something for our creditors. Travelling after people who are much scattered and who are acquainted with the circumstances of these losses, to get their depositions has prevented me from going up to my agency, and as it is absolutely necessary for me to go on to the city, I wish your permission for that purpose to lay before Congress my claims, hoping it will meet your approval. If not, I must resign my appointment in the Indian Department, although small as my salary is I have found it useful in my family since I have met with these losses.

Since my appointment (April 1812) I have been a good and faithful public servant, and if I am well informed, this is well known at the city: if I have been misinformed in this respect my fellow citizens of this place in particular can vouch for the services I have rendered my country during the late war, also my capacity as an Agent and standing as an honest man.

Your answer as soon as convenient will be gratefully received.

FORSYTH TO THE SECRETARY OF WAR.¹

GEORGETOWN, D. C., Mar. 19, 1818.

I have the honor to acquaint you that I was appointed a sub-agent in the Indian Department in the spring of the year 1812 with a salary of \$600 per annum and three rations per day, the whole amounting to \$819 per ann., and resided where I had lived many years previous to my appointment at the Village of Peoria on Illinois river. After the commencement of the late war my situation became perilous, yet I had the address to retain the friendship of all the leading men among the Indians by which means I had it in

¹ John C. Calhoun.— Ed.